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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: **1 (partly), 2-5, 7-21, 22-41, 42-44 (partly)**  
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:  
**see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210**
  
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

**see additional sheet**

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
  
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
  
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
  
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:  
**Claims 1-16, 42-44.**

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box 1.2

Claims Nos.: 1 (partly), 2-5, 7-21, 22-41, 42-44 (partly)

Reasons for the limitation of the search:

- Claims 1-5, 7-16 and 42-44 relate to a product defined (inter alia) by reference to the following parameter(s):

P1, P42: 40 wt.% of the protein in a 50 mg sample of the modified oilseed material is soluble in 1.0 ml water at 25 °C

P2: EOR

P3: breaking strength

P4: viscosity slope

P5: bacteria load

etc.

The use of these parameters in the present context is considered to lead to a lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT. It is impossible to compare the parameters the applicant has chosen to employ with what is set out in the prior art. The lack of clarity is such as to render a meaningful complete search impossible.

- Claims 17-21 are independent claims; in view of the large number and also the wording of the claims presently on file, which render it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the matter for which protection is sought, the present application fails to comply with the clarity and conciseness requirements of Article 6 PCT (see also Rule 6.1(a) PCT) to such an extent that a meaningful search is impossible.

- Claims 22-41 relate to a product/method defined (inter alia) by reference to the following parameter:

P22: a filtering surface with a contact angle of no more than 30 degrees

The use of these parameters in the present context is considered to lead to a lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT. Your attention is also drawn to the Examples, where no contact angle is specified. It is impossible to compare the parameters the applicant has chosen to employ with what is set out in the prior art. The lack of clarity is such as to render a meaningful complete search impossible.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be clear and concise (and see also the Non-Unity objection), namely part of the subject-matter of claim 1: "A modified oilseed material comprising at least 85 wt.% protein; wherein at least about 40 wt.% of the protein has an apparent molecular weight of greater than 300 kDa", the same part of claims 42-44 and the subject-matter of claim 6.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-16, 42-44

A modified oilseed material comprising at least about 85 wt.% protein; wherein at least about 40 wt.% of the protein has an apparent molecular weight of greater than 300 kDa; and a food composition containing the material.

2. Claims: 22-41

A method for producing a modified oilseed material, comprising extracting oilseed material with an aqueous solution to form a suspension of particulate matter in an oilseed extract; passing the extract through a filtration system including a microporous membrane with a specific filtering surface to produce a first permeate and a protein-enriched retentate; and the product obtained thereby.

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

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